

REMARKS

Claims 1-60 are pending and under examination. Without addressing the merits of the rejections set forth in the Office Action mailed October 11, 2005, Applicants have canceled claims 1-60 without prejudice to Applicants pursuing these claims in a related application. New claims 61-115 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification and the claims as filed. In particular, support for new claim 61 can be found in original claims 1, 3 and 5-8. Support for new claim 62 can be found in original claim 3. Support for new claims 63-66 can be found in claims 5-8, respectively. Support for new claim 67 can be found in original claims in original claims 9, 11, 12, 15-17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26, 28, 30 and 32. Support for new claims 68-88 can be found in original claims 12-32, respectively. Support for new claim 89 can be found in original claims 33-38. Support for new claims 90-94 can be found in original claims 34-38, respectively. Support for new claim 95 can be found in original claims 39, 40, 43-45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 54, 56, 58 and 60. Support for new claims 96-115 can be found in original claims 41-60. Accordingly, these new claims do not raise an issue of new matter and entry thereof is respectfully requested. A table of concordance is provided below.

Table of Concordance

New Claims	Original Claims
61	1, 3, 5-8
62	3
63-66	5-8
67	9, 11, 12, 15-17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26, 28, 30, 32
68-88	12-32
89	33-38
90-94	34-38
95	39, 40, 43-45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 54, 56, 58, 60
96-115	41-60

Objections to the Claims

Claims 13, 41 and 57 are objected to for informalities. Applicants respectfully submit that this has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 13, 41 and 57 and, accordingly, request that this objection be withdrawn.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

The rejection of claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 12-14, 18, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29, 31, 33, 39, 41, 42, 46, 48, 50, 52, 55, 57 and 59 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly lacking enablement is respectfully traversed. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of these claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Regarding new claims 61-115, Applicants respectfully submit that the specification provides sufficient description and guidance to enable the claimed methods.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The rejection of claims 1, 2 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as allegedly anticipated by DeLuca et al., EP 0387077, is respectfully traversed. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of these claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Regarding new claims 61-115, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are novel over DeLuca et al.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The rejection of claims 3, 5-8 and 33-38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly obvious over DeLuca et al., *supra*, is respectfully traversed. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of these claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Regarding new claims 61-115, Applicants respectfully submit that the new claims are unobvious over DeLuca et al.

The rejection of claims 9-32 and 39-60 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly obvious over DeLuca et al., *supra*, in view of Aggarwal, US2004/0058021, and Anderson et al., WO 2004/043374, and Salcedo et al., US2005/0129616, is respectfully traversed. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of these claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Regarding new claims 61-115, Applicants respectfully submit that the new claims are unobvious over DeLuca et al., alone or in combination with Aggarwal and/or Anderson et al. and/or Salcedo et al. Applicants respectfully submit that there would have been no motivation to combine the cited references to achieve the claimed methods.

In light of the amendments and remarks herein, Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request a notice to this effect. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent if there are any questions.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 502624 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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